

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Appl. No. : 10/823,970)	Confirmation No. 5318
Applicant : OGAWA, et al.)	
Filed : 13 April 2004)	
Art Unit : 2818)	
Examiner : Hoang, Quoc Dinh)	
Attorney)	
Docket No. : SPSN-AF01215)	
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING)	
A PAD METAL LAYER AND A LOWER METAL)	
LAYER THAT ARE ELECTRICALLY)	
COUPLED, WHEREAS APERTURES ARE)	
FORMED IN THE LOWER METAL LAYER)	
BELOW A CENTER AREA OF THE PAD)	
METAL LAYER)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND RCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007, and coincident with the RCE filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks for allowance of the above-identified patent application. Immediately after this transmittal page are Amendments to the Claims, included in a complete listing of the claims, followed by Applicant Argument (or Remarks).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the USPTO via EFS on the date shown below:
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